

SENATE BILL 3677  
By Bowers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to death certificates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-502, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i) In completing any death certificate, the person who certifies to the cause of death shall, in cases in which diabetes was an immediate, underlying, or contributing cause of death, check "yes" for each of the following questions on the death certificate:

- (1) Did the deceased have diabetes? and
- (2) Was diabetes an immediate, underlying or contributing cause of or condition of death?

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-502(h), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2) Any death certificate form developed or distributed by the department of health shall contain the following questions:

- (A) Did the deceased have diabetes? and
- (B) Was diabetes an immediate, underlying or contributing cause of or condition of death?

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.